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Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

EVENTS in Persia are very rapidly nearing a showdown, which might have repercussions all over the Middle East. Dr. Mossadeq's four-point ultimatum, the founding of a new party in Tehran by Sayed Zia-ed-Din, and perhaps the appointment of Mr. Loy Henderson as U.S. Ambassador, as well, show that the present stalemate cannot be expected to continue for very long.

Of all these, the reestablishment of the "National Will" party (Hizb-e-Melli) is probably the most important event by far. Zia-ed-Din Tabataba'i has for more than 30 years been considered the most dangerous enemy of Communism in Persia and the most prominent representative of British interests in that country. A wealthy landowner (like Dr. Mossadeq) born 63 years ago, he supported Reza Khan in his coup d'état in 1921 but very soon fell out with the late Shah and had to leave the country. He spent some time in Western Europe and later made Haifa his domicile, returning to Tehran only after the abdication in 1942. He was the chief opponent of the Tudeh party in its fight for power during 1944/46. He established independent labour unions and associations of small shopkeepers, and he made use of the influence of the more reactionary among the mullahs. His movement enjoyed certain successes in the contest against the Tudeh, but it failed eventually owing to the proverbial jealousy between Conservative and Liberal leaders in Tehran and because it had no clearly defined social programme which could serve as a rallying point for a mass party. A few months after the suppression of Tudeh in 1946, the "National Will" party was banned as well by Ghamam Sultane, who was then Prime Minister.

SIGNIFICANTLY enough, the first step taken by Sayed Zia-ed-Din was to establish his own press-guard: he enlisted the help of several hundred professional toughs. Bullets appear to be the most convincing arguments in Tehran today. But even if Sayed Zia-ed-Din should be able to gain power, which must be considered very doubtful indeed, this attempt to put the clock back in Persia can be considered only as a very short-term palliative. It seems that London has not yet been reconciled to the principle of nationalization of Persian oil and this, to all intents and purposes, must be the cornerstone of any long-range Western policy in Persia. Mr. Walter Boushant, one of the best European experts on Asian affairs, writes from Tehran, that any government not in favour of nationalization will be doomed from the outset, as popular resentment against the AIOC is still growing and is not confined to the workers in the oil centres.

LOY Henderson, the former chief of the Near East Division of the State Department and U.S. Ambassador to India, is not considered persona grata in Moscow, to put it very mildly. Mr. Henderson was political adviser at the Moscow Embassy for a number of years, and a recently published Soviet book on American foreign policy describes him as the villain of the State Department. If Dr. Grady, being a very hard-line man indeed, was called a murderer by the Soviet press and drawn by Soviet caricaturists with a Tommy-gun in his hands, it must be assumed that Soviet editorial writers and caricaturists will have a difficult time finding a suitable expression for Mr. Henderson.

Jerusalem, September 17.

Mossadeq Orders Investigation Of 'Plot'

TEHRAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Premier Mossadeq today ordered the army and police to investigate reports of a "right-wing" plot against his government. Deputy Premier Ruseini Falemi said the alleged coup d'état was discussed today in the Premier's house at a meeting between the War Minister, the Army Chief of Staff and police chiefs.

At the same time Dr. Mossadeq's supporters outside the Majlis building shouted "Death to all traitors and British agents," while opposition deputies boycotted a meeting for the third time in ten days. The session was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Unconfirmed reports here said that Mr. Harriman, President Truman's oil envoy, had told the Premier he would pass on the Persian ultimatum to Britain and hoped the talks would soon restart.

Notices Seized
At Abadan today the Persian Oil Board seized notices waiting to be sent to 450 Persian workers telling them they had been suspended by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The company, at the same time, stopped 960 men in five refinery departments from which all British staff have been withdrawn; but the Persian Board said it would pay the salaries, wages and allowances.

All five departments were today entirely in Persian hands. The payoff makes the Persian Oil Board financially responsible for a month's wages of 500,000 sterling, for the 960 men. Hussein Falemi today said that another contract, for the sale of 80,000 tons of crude oil for \$1m, was signed yesterday by the National Oil Company. He declined to name the buyer.

Tehran radio last night announced that Persia had agreed to sell Afghanistan refined oil products for 500,000 gallons of fuel oil and 400,000 litres of aviation spirit.

Food Habits, Economics Cause Diet Deficiencies - Experts Find

"Large sections of the population" are consuming less than the accepted standard of essential foods, according to a report submitted to the Scientific Research Council and published yesterday. The report was based on a nutrition survey made a year ago by three experts who found that the principal reasons for deficiencies were food habits and economic conditions. The survey, directed by Dr. Walter Strauss of the Hebrew Department of the Hebrew University Medical School, Dr. S. Berman of Hadassah's Pediatrics department, and Dr. S. Lepkowsky of the University of California, was carried out from April through October, 1951. Professor S. Sambursky, Chairman of the Research Council, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday that there had been a notable improvement in the state of health of Yemenite immigrants during the past year.

No Nutritional Diseases

Dr. Strauss also said that more recent tests revealed that the health of persons examined a year ago had not deteriorated during the past year, although the latest tests had not been conclusive. Furthermore, recent examinations of workers in Ramle had disclosed a sharp recovery over their subnormal conditions a year ago. This improvement was attributed to better diet in this country than they had eaten in their countries of origin.

There were no signs whatever of nutritional diseases, Dr. Strauss added. The survey was discussed at a meeting last month of the Research Council's Food Committee, which consists of pro-

No Advance In Coalition Talks

The Mapai Political Committee decided last night to break off Coalition talks with Hapoel Hamizrabi. A brief announcement issued by the Committee following last night's meeting disclosed no details of the debate on the General Zionists' participation in the Government.

Army Manoeuvres In Galilee Soon

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Army manoeuvres are to be held in the North shortly. It was announced here today. The manoeuvre area is delimited by the northern border, the Mediterranean on the West, down to one kilometre north of Nahariya, and thence along a line down to Shafr Amr, bypassing Acre and the Haifa Bay quarters; the southern boundary is roughly a line linking Shafr Amr with Tiberias, while the eastern boundary goes in a wavy line to Meron, excluding Safed, and then jumps to Taltabeh and Ras el Ahmar, until it reaches the border.

Traffic Rules

Free passage will be allowed to Safed from the Tiberias-Rosh Pina road on the south and the Nahariya-Taltabeh-Sass-Meron road from the North. Normal traffic will be also allowed on the road along the northern frontier, and on the Nahariya-Rosh Hanikra road. On other roads within the manoeuvre area, civilian traffic will be permitted from 5 to 8 a.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. daily, ambulances and police vehicles will be allowed to proceed freely at any time in the exercise of their duties. Other civilians who wish to travel in the area during restricted hours will have to apply for a permit at any of the following offices: Acre Military Governor, 9-11 a.m.; Rosh Pina Local Council, 3 to 5 p.m.; Tiberias Town Major, 9 to 11 a.m.

The date on which the restrictions come into force will be announced later.

Ben Gurion Urges Delegations Still Studying P.C.C. Principles

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — Prime Minister Ben Gurion said today that Israel could become the industrial centre of Western Asia if its inhabitants took up the task with zeal and initiative. He was speaking at the opening of Industry Week, organized by the Manufacturers' Association, at the site of the General Tyre and Rubber Company's future plant near here. Raw materials are less important, than skill and enterprise, he said, citing as an example the General Tyre Company itself which produces tyres in the U.S. far from the sources of raw rubber.

Those present at the opening ceremony included Mr. Y. Gert, the Minister of Trade and Industry, as well as members of the Manufacturers' Association Board and high Government officials. The proceedings were presided over by Mr. Gershon Gurevitz, one of the local investors, and the gathering was addressed by Mr. M. Ellman, on behalf of the local investors, and Mr. A. Shenkar, President of the Manufacturers' association.

Initiative Needed
This country, Mr. Ben Gurion said, is not as poor in natural resources as had appeared before the establishment of the State. If painstakingly developed by the initiative and pioneering spirit proper to Jews, his country may become a source of prosperity for all her neighbours. It all amounts, Mr. Ben Gurion said, to the victory of spirit over matter: man is no longer the slave of his surroundings, but changes nature to suit his needs.

Tyres are of paramount importance; swift transport is essential to the safety of this country in peace and war alike, the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Shenkar said that the first industrial enterprises in this country were started 25 years ago. Industry now employs 75,000 workers. The investors are 51 per cent local men, 20 per cent Americans and 29 per cent Europeans. Mr. Ellman said that the new tyre plant which will require 500,000 lbs. of raw materials yearly in order to provide for all local needs will save 100,000 Arab refugees to participate in the industrial independence of Israel.

Tomorrow's programme will be devoted to the Haifa area. The Histadrut Central Committee in Tel Aviv today "noted with regret" that the Histadrut had not been invited to participate in Industry Week.

French Minister Petsche Dead

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Maurice Petsche, French Minister of State and former Finance Minister, died at his Paris home today following an attack of uremia. He was 55. M. Petsche had been undergoing treatment in a nursing home for the past fortnight but today his condition worsened and it was decided to transfer him home. He died on arrival.

A jovial fat man well liked by his fellow politicians, M. Maurice Petsche, in Parliament as an independent, has served as Finance Minister in a succession of post-war cabinets.

With a long cigarette holder invariably between his lips, he was markedly conservative in his politics — and aggressively supported private initiative, standing even a little to the right of the economic theories of Lord Keynes.

But together with the economic planner Jean Monnet he was responsible for the economic plan that in some measure pulled France out of the critical situation of 1944 by giving her, today, the highest production in her history.

Of an old Huguenot family, he was a Protestant frequently called on to seek a compromise in the Catholic-Socialist dispute on state support for religious schools, and was frequently mentioned as possible Premier in France's many post-war Cabinet shifts.

Senators Warn On Trade With China

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — A Senate subcommittee complained today that Communist China "even at this late date" was able to obtain strategic materials from Western areas which "do not see fit to deny these items to an aggressor country."

The report was made by the experts' subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee which sent agents to the Far East to get the facts.

It said administration of the U.S. total embargo on shipments to China appeared to be satisfactory. But unless other Western nations took similar action "its effects on the Chinese Communist war potential are probably short-lived and inconclusive."

Plane Crashes Into Crowd — 20 Killed

FLAGLER, COLORADO, Sunday (UP). — At least 20 persons were killed and about 50 injured when a single-engine plane crashed into a crowd of several hundred persons attending an air show here yesterday.

Delegations Still Studying P.C.C. Principles

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Egypt, Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Israel this week-end were studying the five-page document aimed at improving Arab-Israel relations on the "Palestine problem."

The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission on Thursday put the document separately to the Arab and Israel delegates who called the text to their Foreign Offices for "full consideration." The Israel delegate, Mr. Fischer, conferred with Mr. Sharet before calling the text to Tel Aviv.

Mr. B. Shiloah, Special Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, flew to Paris yesterday.

Until both sides have replied the Commission will not submit its five-point proposal for settling all outstanding post-armistice questions dividing these neighbour states, P.C.C. sources said here.

The Commission has observed a rigid blackout on the specific terms of the proposed settlement. But according to some observers, the most controversial points are:

- The Commission's view that "the Palestine problem must be considered in its entirety";
- the solution of the Arab refugee problem envisaging "the repatriation and integration of some of the refugees in Israel and the resettlement of others in Arab countries."

In some conference circles it was noted that the P.C.C.'s acceptance of the fact that Israel could make no agreement without receiving reasonable assurances regarding her economic rights and security, in effect confirmed the validity of Israel's position at Lausanne. At that time the Commission failed to support Israel's view.

These circles also noted that the Commission appears to have moved away from its old position on the refugee question and moved closer to Israel's.

At Lausanne in 1949, Israel in effect said that if the Arabs agree to make peace, Israel will accept 100,000 Arab refugees, in a general settlement.

MAC Meeting Postponed in J'lem

An emergency meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, which was scheduled to take place in Jerusalem today, has been delayed due to the death in an automobile accident of the brother of Major Sadek Bey Saara, Jordan MAC delegate.

The special session was to discuss the murder of an Israeli engineer near Elath recently. The request for the delay was filed yesterday morning. No date has yet been fixed for the next MAC meeting.

British Conservatives Plan To Take Over Government

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Winston Churchill has skeleton ministry and a policy ready for an autumn election which Parliamentary quarters now consider "an even chance," although the Conservatives are not completely convinced that Prime Minister Attlee intends to hold a contest in October or November.

Latest public opinion polls here suggest the Conservatives would be returned to power with a working majority. Mr. Churchill is keeping his choice of ministers secret, meanwhile, but it can be taken that his chief lieutenants would include the following:

Mr. Anthony Eden, 54; Mr. Richard Austen Butler, 54; Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, 58; Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, 51; Lord Woolton, 68; Brigadier Anthony Head, 43; and Sir Walter Monckton, 60.

Of them, Mr. Eden, former Foreign Secretary, would probably resume that office until the international situation clarified. But some conservatives think that Mr. Butler, former Education and Labour Minister, not Eden — would be Churchill's successor as Prime Minister.

One of the top posts will be reserved for Lord Salisbury, Conservative leader in the House of Lords. Brigadier Head, who had a distinguished war record, is considered as Defence Minister.

The Conservative policy statement, now passed by the leaders and shortly to be announced, will have these among its main planks:

NATO Plans for Peace and War

OTTAWA, Sunday. — The meeting of the 12 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Council, expected to resume tomorrow, will issue an "Ottawa Declaration" emphasizing the non-military aspects of NATO. Informal sources said here today. At the same time it will consider an urgent request from General Eisenhower for more troops more quickly from member states.

Adenauer Sure Of German 'Consent'

BONN, Sunday (UP). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today urged the Western Allies to speed up their final decision on the rearmament of Germany, assuring them that when the time comes for Germany to say yes or no, the Government and the Bundestag will approve of Germany's participation in a European army.

Insisting that the West must hurry because there is great danger of aggression while the Soviet Union is strong and the West is militarily weak, he regretted that "time had already been wasted."

This is the first time that the Chancellor has expressed such optimism about German approval. Western leaders before having generally felt that there was, at any rate, considerable German opposition to rearmament.

However, the German Chancellor warned, the successful defence of Europe is dependent on the military potential of the U.S.

'Next Few Days To Show' in Korea

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — The next few days should show whether the Kaesong truce talks will be reopened or will break down altogether, a spokesman of General Ridgway's headquarters ventured here today.

A new statement by General Ridgway, possibly providing a formula for reopening negotiations was expected shortly.

Earlier, an official handout stressed that one result of the "confusion" created in Communist headquarters by the U.N. admission of the Kaesong truce may be that "they will decide they can save enough face by accepting the apology and reopening the negotiations." The handout suggested that the Communists may be willing to reopen negotiations because in the past month they "could have broken off negotiations finally," but yet have not done so.

Peking Radio claimed today that South Koreans twice penetrated a kilometre deep into the neutral zone on September 12 and twice again the following day, firing machine guns and rifles in the direction of Kaesong.

Meanwhile, the Eighth Army's assaults with limited objectives appear to have forced the Communists to delay the big offensive they were preparing in Korea.

Tripartite Report

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, yesterday gave the North Atlantic Council, in closed session, a briefing on the Tripartite talks with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Acheson, M. Schuman also explained how, according to the view of the Big Three Foreign Ministers, German contingents could be brought into the European defence force without permitting the formation of a German National Army and General Staff.

After completing late last night a general review of world problems the Council held no formal meeting today but devoted the time to information and exchange of views.

It now looks as if the Council will not reach the controversial question of the admission of Greece and Turkey into the North Atlantic Alliance until the middle of the week. The hope in U.S. circles is that it may be possible through informal talks to overcome some of the objections to this question by some of the smaller powers, particularly Denmark.

There are already indications that Norway is reconciled to the admission of Greece and Turkey to the interests of the overall security of the alliance.

The U.S. appears to be strongly opposed to 2 separate Mediterranean pact which was at one time proposed as a substitute for the inclusion of Greece and Turkey in the North Atlantic treaty.

It will be several months before they can be included in NATO because this extension of the alliance has to be approved by the legislatures of all the member states before it comes into effect.

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U.S. WAR GAMES TEACH LESSONS SIMILAR TO ISRAEL'S Americans Practise Defence in Depth

This is the season for war games. In Western Europe, "Redland" forces are meeting "Blueand" in the Negro it was "Greenland" vs. "Blueand" and in North Carolina the U.S. Army's "Exercise Southern Pine" has just been completed. The following account of the American army's "aggressor" against its own defending force is condensed from a report by C. B. Allen in the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Gen. Meyer conceded that he was at least partly to blame for this temporary disruption of the manoeuvre plan because he had told his "kids" at the outset their job was to give the opposition "realistic" war training. He added that the "aggressor" was neither going to pull any punches nor "wear kid gloves" but "hit 'em with everything we've got, whether it's in the back or not."

Gen. Meyer said explosively that he had been accused by his competitors of "phony" tactics in the methods he used to cut off and surround substantial elements of both the 28th and 43rd Divisions in keeping with the manoeuvre "scenario" so that these "trapped" forces subsequently could be "saved" with air-dropped supplies.

"Fanatic" elements of Gen. Meyer's dwindling force up and over the command post of Maj. Gen. Daniel B. Strieder in the darkness, "capturing" both him and his discomfited staff.

How thoroughly the entire "aggressor" command was imbued with the spirit of their role in the manoeuvres as envisaged by Gen. Meyer was exemplified by a serious but disgruntled "aggressor" second lieutenant who told a correspondent he thought it was practically criminal to send the kind of troops "we've been outsmarting ever since the manoeuvres started to commands where they'll be our first line of defence (it's a real war starts). He said he wondered if the American people really know what's been going on down here—what monkeys we've made out of the divisions lined up against us and scheduled to go to Europe this fall."

Resistance Pockets
"Hell's fire!" he said, "the thing they squawked about my pulling on them as 'phony' actually happened to the 24th Division in Korea. The Commies got behind us and cut us up and raised hell generally until we learned how to combat their technique."

The only way to do that is not to panic, which our troops did at first just as the Commies wanted them to, but to form pockets of resistance and fight your way out. Even two men, fighting back to back, start throwing them off balance and upset their game. When you get squad and platoon-size groups in a resistance pocket standing them off, it's surprising how soon they'll move elsewhere in search of more lucrative objectives."

It has become clear now that the tensions inherent in our food situation involve the nation's health and well-being. The **FOOD** woman who can buy her quota of essential food-stuffs in a relatively pleasant (and not too exhausting) manner and can proceed to prepare a meal with some claim to ingenuity is at once a woman more inclined to eat a proper meal herself with the feeling that she has discharged the responsibility towards her family which in these days weighs most on her mind. The worker who comes home to a tasty and, if possible, varied dinner will eat with a hearty appetite. The child before whom a moderately relaxed mother can place an attractive dessert is more likely to eat "beets and fish" again.

Pepper and curry and garlic salt war wondrous—and the people of Israel are surely entitled to this inexpensive method of making their rations more appetizing. Sugar aids not only the cook, but also the physiological soundness of the diner. It does not deteriorate easily, and it is a cheap commodity. That the country has been deprived of an adequate sugar ration this summer has caused a great sense of general deprivation. We shall not be a meat-eating nation for some years perhaps, but the complaints about the meat shortage are not as loud as they might be. Most people are willing to accept substitutes, but these should be made available and should be nourishing. Some central, qualified authority must decide whether it is more important to spend foreign exchange on calcium-and-protein containing cheese or whether it is healthier for Israel to eat imported sardines. Or whether both are essential. Some qualified authority must go to those sections of our population who have never eaten fish and who regard the frozen fillet with distaste and teach them its nutritive values, and also what can be done to render the congealed slabs appealing to eye and palate. Some authority must likewise accept the responsibility of finding out whether our bread is satisfactory and take action if it is not. Whatever the scientific value of the nutrition survey published yesterday may be, it is generally agreed that a step has been taken in the right direction.

That such an overall authority be created at once is the suggestion made to the Israel Research Council by Prof. Walter Strauss of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School (whose proposals are published in another column today). He recommended the formation of a Central Survey Committee to deal with these questions, that it be given enough money and authority to get things done quickly and that it undertake to analyse and, wherever necessary, to revise the national diet. This body, which must be composed of experts in the field of nutrition and public health, would proceed to set up experimental kitchens, to conduct ethnological surveys and periodically to check the nation's health. It would also conduct a public relations campaign and, at this juncture, also mediate between the Government and the citizenry. The Committee, in short, would undertake to avoid most of the errors made so far, some of which have been brought out in the Knesset food debate. It is plain that the food situation calls for radical and immediate action.

LET THE SOLDIER ON LEAVE GO FIRST
TEL AVIV, Sunday.—In instructions have been issued to soldiers not to stand at the head of bus queues if they serve in the vicinity of their homes. Priority in bus queues should be reserved for soldiers who have long distances to travel home, and would lose most of their short furlough by standing in line for transport.

Priority for soldiers is a custom, not a law, in this country. The Ministry of Defense, however, is expected to issue an appeal to the public to let soldiers on leave go to the head of the queue, as a token of appreciation to men who lead a difficult, disciplined life and have only a few days, sometimes hours, to spend in town.

KEEPING POSTED
At a Tel Aviv grocer's the other morning, a few limp roots of parsley, pale green peppers and monstrous pumpkins were the only vegetables on show. Behind a broken-down partition, three or four boxes of tomatoes were stacked away, almost out of sight and certainly out of reach. No one made what in these days could be called a fuss until suddenly the only man in the shop, an elderly and angry Jeremiah, thundered out: "Bring forth the tomatoes; bring them forth immediately; how dare you hide

from the hungry these things which you have?" Or words to that effect. The angry and elderly Jeremiah thumped the counter until he set the pumpkins bouncing in their boxes. The shop-keeper threatened to push him out of the shop if he didn't stop. When he was finally subdued, one box of tomatoes, carried by a man with a face as red as his fruit, was brought out from the backroom. And the housewife! Instead of thanking their public-spirited neighbour, they turned to him in despair: "It's all very well for you," they said; "you don't come here every day. But if we behaved like that, we'd never get anything fit to eat here again." Then they nervously collected a quarter of a kilo of tomatoes each, and hurried away.

It was two o'clock in the morning when the last night session of the World War Conference broke up. The Chairman of the Election Committee found the 110 delegates had cast for 75 candidates, and also that the other members of the Committee had by mistake gone home. To fortify herself for what promised to be an all-night session, she went to the canteen to get a last cup of coffee, and fell in there with a number of one of the Latin American delegates, who was checking off the amenities of the hotel to her husband. In

PLANNING FOR FOOD

By WALTER STRAUSS
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If it is true, as I believe it is, that Israel today is in the grip of a considerable psycho-somatic disturbance related largely to the inadequacies and inefficiencies of our rationing system—then it is clear that any solution to the problem must be directed toward regaining the public's confidence in its government and in itself.

The steady decline in public morale which stems primarily from dietary problems must be curbed directly, via the nation's stomach and its nervous system. A top priority Food Survey Committee, wholly independent of all save the Prime Minister's Office or perhaps the Cabinet as a whole, given the necessary money and authority, must be created and permitted to function with the greatest possible speed. This Committee should comprise representatives of the Ministries of Food, Health and Finance.

Nutritional Survey
These practical conclusions follow a nutritional survey financed by the Israel Research Council and submitted to it by Dr. Simon Berman of the Pediatrics Department of the Hadassah Hospital, Dr. S. Lepkowsky of the University of California, Berkeley, and this writer. The survey was divided into two parts: a dietary analysis of what our sample families consumed (all of them were limited to the official, local supply of food) and a biochemical determination of blood values for over 3,000 persons, including the sample families. The dietary survey was made among 66 families residing in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area, totalling 398 persons, chosen to represent the general population as to origin, social status and number of children.

Unreliable Distribution
This country is an ever-growing transit camp from the dietary point of view. The present distribution of essential foodstuffs, in addition to being unreliable and often inadequate, is not geared to the varying needs of the population. Existing rations are often consumed only by certain sections of the country and neglected by others. These basic foodstuffs are often over-priced and large families belonging to lower income groups are unable to afford even the milk and milk products which they are told must form the backbone of their children's diet.

Those products which are within their buying power are often strange to them. The time has come for a re-allocation of the rationed foodstuffs, according to the ethnological breakdown of the nation. At the very least, the Government through a Food Survey Committee, must embark on a country-wide popular educational programme. Recipes must be studied, tested and offered to the public, so that the monotony of our current diet can be relieved and the principles of sound nutrition brought into every Israeli kitchen. Governmental subsidies should allow the mother of three or more children to purchase adequate supplies of milk, butter and eggs for her family. The Survey Committee

should also be empowered to advise on the purchase of food overseas so that quality may be improved and the purchases made in accordance with proven needs.

A serious lack of laboratory facilities for the careful analysis of locally produced foodstuffs makes it impossible to be sure of the nutrient composition of our enriched bread and other basic commodities. If, for any reason whatsoever, large sections of the population do not receive the necessary amount of nutrients, public health is menaced.

A considerable part of our population is on the so-called borderline of good nutrition. We cannot afford to permit this condition to worsen into one of real nutritional disease.

The situation must be expertly observed by continual, thorough surveys for as long as the responsibility of feeding our young nation lies with the Government. Dietitians and guest-workers cannot be tolerated where the nation's physiological and mental health are concerned.

Readers' Letters

IDLE CARS
To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—The Government is having great difficulty in overcoming transport problems, yet a few hundred private car owners have been forbidden the use of their vehicles in order to save foreign currency. This is not only an injustice to the owners but does not save foreign currency as these car owners do not walk but use taxis, thus aggravating the situation. Of the approximately 30,000 cars in the country 1.2 per cent are idly parked in the streets or garages and the owners of these cars are obliged to pay their fees as well. Would it not be wiser for the Minister of Communications to mobilize every idle car or at least permit them to be used in their own districts?

HURDLE RACE
To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—As one whose misfortune it has been recently to use an Egged bus in the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv run, I protest most strongly at the treatment of passengers by this public transport company. Every mile or so, the bus stops, and more people are crowded in for a ride of a few minutes, and the journey most resembles a hurdle race.

FRONT SEAT SIZES
To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—It is welcome news that the transport authorities have finally recognized that the modern automobile has enough room on the front seat for two passengers in addition to the driver. But why should it be necessary to lose time on another trip to one more office to get one more permit? The

FRIENDSHIP CLUB
To the Editor of The POST
Sir,—The International Friendship Club was formed to promote better understanding among the peoples of the world through correspondence. It has members the world over, but there are very few in Asia.

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A FRIEND recently back from London tells us that she was able to do some modest shopping. Being New York-born, Macy's still sometimes appears to her in her dreams, and she wandered in to milling crowds at Marks and Spencers with a pleasantly nostalgic feeling. After a while, she penetrated to the children's section, and with due humility for people who could produce such attractive things so inexpensively, chose a woollen cardigan for her little daughter. When she held it up to the better to admire its impeccable taste and design, she also found the label that said "Made in Israel."

FUND-RAISING IN THE U.S.
It is mainly a matter of logistics—getting the right man to tally at the right meeting at the right time—according to Mr. Edward Warburg, President of the U.J.A., who told us something of the machinery of fund-raising. The right man is not always the man who talks best. Quite often it is the man whose name will bring the audience. In fund-raising circles these "non-talkers" are known as "fan dancers." It is all, he said, like the story of the farmer and the cow. The city slicker visiting a farm asked the farmer how much milk a certain cow gave. "She doesn't give anything," the farmer answered. "We have to milk her."

LET THE SOLDIER ON LEAVE GO FIRST
TEL AVIV, Sunday.—In instructions have been issued to soldiers not to stand at the head of bus queues if they serve in the vicinity of their homes. Priority in bus queues should be reserved for soldiers who have long distances to travel home, and would lose most of their short furlough by standing in line for transport.

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The trips shall be made on:
Oct. 25, 1951 with the s.s. "Kedmah"
Nov. 1, 1951 with the s.s. "Artas"
Nov. 15, 1951 with the s.s. "Artas"
Each trip will last 17 days, including travel and 7 days' stay in Paris. The group sailing on:
Oct. 25, will return on Nov. 13
Nov. 1, will return on Nov. 19
Nov. 15, will return on Dec. 3
The trip will cost IL135, including visa fees, trip tax, travel by sea in first class cabin of 3 berths, railway tickets from Marseilles to Paris and return in first class, 7 days in Paris (hotel, food and organized tours). The same trip including a/m details in a double berth will cost IL200.
Registration will start on September 18, 1951 and end on September 24, 1951 (inclusive).
The list of candidates for the trip will be determined by ballots held under the control of the Government Tourist Office.
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setting out:—
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